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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Berend HOUWEN, *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/388,899

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Examiner: Gailene Gabel

Art Unit: 1641

For: **METHOD FOR CLASSIFYING AND COUNTING LEUKOCYTES**

December 22, 2003

**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER
TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

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Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the August 21, 2003 decision of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 1-4, and 7-15. Claims 5 and 6 have been objected to. No claims have been allowed. The Office Action set an extendible three-month shortened statutory period for response. Accordingly, with the Response to Final Office Action Including Amendment and Request for Extension of Time being filed concurrently herewith, this NOTICE OF APPEAL is filed timely upon mailing, with an executed certificate of mailing, on or before December 22, 2003 (as December 21, 2003 is a Sunday). 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.7 and 1.8. A check in the amount of \$330.00 for the Appeal Fee is enclosed.

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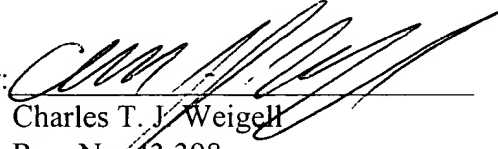
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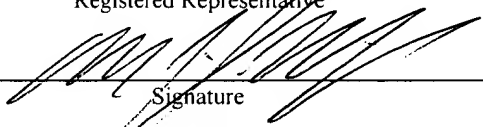
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